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**Introduced by Senator Poochigian**February 21, 2003

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An act to amend Section 51220 of the Education Code, relating to instruction.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 992, as introduced, Poochigian. Education: curriculum.

(1) Under existing law, the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, is required to include instruction in physical education and the visual and performing arts.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 51220 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 51220. The adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12,  
4 inclusive, shall offer courses in the following areas of study:

5 (a) English, including knowledge of and appreciation for  
6 literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading,  
7 listening, and speaking.

8 (b) Social sciences, drawing upon the disciplines of  
9 anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science,  
10 psychology, and sociology, designed to fit the maturity of the  
11 pupils. Instruction shall provide a foundation for understanding  
12 the history, resources, development, and government of California



1 and the United States of America; instruction in our American  
2 legal system, the operation of the juvenile and adult criminal  
3 justice systems, and the rights and duties of citizens under the  
4 criminal and civil law and the State and Federal Constitutions; the  
5 development of the American economic system, including the role  
6 of the entrepreneur and labor; the relations of persons to their  
7 human and natural environment; eastern and western cultures and  
8 civilizations; human rights issues, with particular attention to the  
9 study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery, and the Holocaust,  
10 and contemporary issues.

11 (c) Foreign language or languages, beginning not later than  
12 grade 7, designed to develop a facility for understanding,  
13 speaking, reading, and writing the particular language.

14 (d) Physical education, with emphasis ~~given to~~ on physical  
15 activities that are conducive to health and to vigor of body and  
16 mind, as required by Section 51222.

17 (e) Science, including the physical and biological aspects, with  
18 emphasis on basic concepts, theories, and processes of scientific  
19 investigation and on the place of humans in ecological systems,  
20 and with appropriate applications of the interrelation and  
21 interdependence of the sciences.

22 (f) Mathematics, including instruction designed to develop  
23 mathematical understandings, operational skills, and insight into  
24 problem-solving procedures.

25 (g) Visual and performing arts, including dance, music, theater,  
26 and visual arts, with emphasis ~~upon~~ on development of aesthetic  
27 appreciation and the skills of creative expression.

28 (h) Applied arts, including instruction in the areas of consumer  
29 and homemaking education, industrial arts, general business  
30 education, or general agriculture.

31 (i) Career technical education designed and conducted for the  
32 purpose of preparing youth for gainful employment in the  
33 occupations and in the numbers that are appropriate to the  
34 personnel needs of the state and the community served and  
35 relevant to the career desires and needs of the pupils.

36 (j) Automobile driver education, designed to develop a  
37 knowledge of the provisions of the Vehicle Code and other laws  
38 of this state relating to the operation of motor vehicles, a proper  
39 acceptance of personal responsibility in traffic, a true appreciation  
40 of the causes, seriousness and consequences of traffic accidents,



- 1 and to develop the knowledge and attitudes necessary for the safe
- 2 operation of motor vehicles. A course in automobile driver
- 3 education shall include education in the safe operation of
- 4 motorcycles.
- 5 (k) Other studies as may be prescribed by the governing board.

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